

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, 12, 27, 38, 53 and 65 to read as follows:

solid
A1
1. (Amended) A carbon material comprising a first carbon material serving as an inner core particle having an outer surface, and a coating of a second carbon material on said outer surface of the first carbon material, the second carbon material containing boron.

A2
12. (Amended) A carbon material comprising a first carbon material serving as an inner core particle having an outer surface, and a coating of a second carbon material on said outer surface of the first carbon material, the second carbon material containing boron and nitrogen.

A3
27. (Amended) An electrode comprising a carbon material used as an active substance, the carbon material comprising a first carbon material serving as an inner core particle having an outer

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surface, and a coating of a second carbon material on said outer surface of the first carbon material, the second carbon material containing boron.

A4
38. (Amended) An electrode comprising a carbon material used as an active substance, the carbon material comprising a first carbon material serving as an inner core particle having an outer surface, and a coating of a second carbon material on said outer surface of the first carbon material, the second carbon material containing boron and nitrogen.

A5
53. (Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell comprising a negative electrode incorporating a carbon material therein as an active substance, the carbon material comprising a first carbon material serving as an inner core particle having an outer surface, and a coating of a second carbon material on said outer surface of the first carbon material, the second carbon material containing boron.